SOCIAL WELFARE AND LABOUR SECRETARIAT

Demarcation of operational areas for fishing vessels of different types orders issued.

READ :—

1. Letter No. MEF/140/74-75, dated 18th October 1974 from the Director of Fisheries.

2. Government letter No. SWL 64 SFS 76 dated 16th October 1976 addressed to the Government of India.

3. D. O. letter No. F. 30035/10/77-FY (T I) dated 28th March 1978 from Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

4. Representation dated 8th December 1978 from the Dakshina Kannada Jilla Rampani Meenugarara Sangha, Kaup.

PREAMBLE :—

In the Government letter cited above, the views of the State Government in the matter of demarcating operational areas in the sea for fishing crafts of different types were communicated to the Government of India.

The Government of India have suggested certain guidelines for adoption by the State Government with or without modifications for demarcating the said operational areas and requested State Government to issue orders in this behalf

A meeting of the reprentatives of the Rampani units and other indigenous fishing boats, small mechanised boats and purse-seine boats was convened and the question of demarcation of fishing zones was discussed and an unanimous agreement was reached.

ORDER No. SWL 316 SFM 78, BANGALORE, DATED 30TH MARCH 1979.

Accordingly, after careful examination of the matter, Government direct as follows :—

1. Rampani boats shall operate from 15th September to 15th April.

2. A belt from the sea shore upto 3 miles (5 K. Ms). shall be reserved for Rampani and traditional fishing operators.

3. (a) Shrimp trawler shall be allowed to operate from 1st September in the one mile distance (1.6 K. M.) belt from the sea shore.

(b) From October to May next, the shrimp trawlers to operate beyond 3 miles (5 K. m.) upto 10 Miles (16 K. Ms).

4. Purse-seine boats shall operate from 5 Miles (8 K. Ms). and beyond.

5. Big trawlers coming under the purview of Merchantile Marine Department shall operate beyond 10 miles (16 K. Ms).

6. No. night fishing by purse-seiners shall be allowed.

Further, Government are pleased to constitue Conciliation Committees one for each Maritime district, *i.e.* Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada with 5 Representatives of each group of fishermen with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman and the Deputy Director of Fisheries of the District as its Member-Secretary. This Committee will look into the grievances and settle the disputes arising out of conflict of interest amongst the different groups of fishermen operating mechanised boats and traditional fishing amicably. Separate orders will issue with regard to composition of these committees.

The Fishermen Training Centre at Gangolli which has now been converted into a petroleum-survey unit with the existing staff shall operate as a patrol unit for the purpose of patrolling the different areas of the sea of the coasts of the two districts constantly and for keeping the operators in their respective zones., using the training boats available with it.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

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Social Welfare & Labour Department.